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CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

September 16, 2005

Dear Stakeholder:

The California High-Speed Rail Authority's September 28th public Board Meeting will be held in San Francisco at the City and County of San Francisco building, located at 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place – Legislative Chambers, Room 250.

At the September 28th public board meeting the Authority will be updated by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission on the status of the statewide ridership study as well as the regional rail plan. Additionally, the Authority will discuss and consider entering into a co-operative agreement with government of Japan; this agreement will formalize the sharing of high-speed rail information between California and Japan.

At the August 3rd public board meeting Authority staff presented an overview of the changes made to the draft program Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) as well as provided a proposed schedule for the publication and distribution of the final EIR/EIS. The Final Program EIR/EIS has been made available to the public in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act prior to Authority and FRA's decisions at the conclusion of this program level environmental review. At an Authority public Board Meeting to be held in Sacramento on November 1, 2005 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM and continued on November 2 at 9:00 AM at the State Capitol Building, Senate Hearing Room 2040, the Authority Board is expected to consider whether to certify the EIR/EIS. The FRA may also issue a record of decision on the EIR/EIS.

For additional information on the program EIR/EIS visit the Authority's website at www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov.

I look forward to seeing you in San Francisco at our Board Meeting.

Sincerely,

Mehdi Morshed, Executive Director